

# THE GARZETTE

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### From the Presidents Mic!



QST! QST! de **WA4ZXV, Norm Schklar**

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Amateur Radio gets to be a big part of my life. It consists of Clubs, operating activities, conferences, hamfests, public service and emergency preparedness. Sometimes the XYL has a hard time scheduling family activities because of my radio related activities. Most Tuesday evenings are out, Saturday mornings are limited, Thursday evenings means another meeting, Monday evening is GARS net time. Dayton Hamvention, Four Days in May, Field Day, TechFest, parades and dog shows. My son planned his wedding on Field Day weekend a few years back. When I told him of the conflict, he was afraid I might not show up. I did skip Field Day that year!

I don't, and most of us don't, expect you to get so involved, but we do want you to participate and be aware of the many opportunities to provide services for the community and the club. There are about as many ways to help out as there are members of GARS. Attend meetings, answer questions on the email reflectors, put in some time at operating events or meet for breakfast on Saturday. It all counts and it all helps make for a healthy club.

I attended Hamvention and Four Days in May (FDIM) in Dayton. It was great to see how many GARS folks attended. It's not something you should do every year, but it's something you should make plans for at least once. I put it off for about 40 years, but I've been the past 4.


I missed the antenna building event. I was on my way to Dayton. From what I heard it was fun. If you have any feedback or suggestions for future GARS programs, please send a note or call. We are always looking for new and interesting subjects.

New to Field Day? Attend the June meeting and learn more about how GARS participates in this annual event. Old hat at Field Day? Be sure to attend the June meeting for the latest changes. And if you want a Field Day 2008 tee shirt, be sure to let Dick, N9SXJ, know. This year, we are only ordering shirts that are pre-sold.

Thanks everyone that helped with the Dacula Memorial Day Parade. Special thanks to Earl, AF4FG, for all the preparation. Over 130 vehicles and floats and everything went off just like clockwork.

73 es hp to cu sn de Norm, WA4ZXV

# JUNE 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 2000 2m net	3	4 2100 6m net	5	6	7 0730 breakfast
8	9 2000 2m net	10 meeting 1930	11 2100 6m net	12	13	14 0730 breakfast
15	16 2000 2m net	17	18 2100 6m net	19	20	21 0730 breakfast
22	23 2000 2m net	24	25 2100 6m net	26	27	28 0730 breakfast Field Day
29 Field Day	30 2000 2m net	1 JULY	2 2100 6m net	3	4 	5 0730 breakfast
6	7 2000 2m net	8	9 2100 6m net	10	11	12 0730 breakfast

## GARS Recurring Calendar

- Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Check the Web Site for Location.
- Every Monday at 8 PM local time: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2 meter repeater
- Every Wednesday at 9 PM local time: GARS 6 meter net on the GARS 6 meter repeater
- Every Saturday at 7:30 AM local time: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville

## The GARZETTE

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**First Saturday, Even Months**

9:00AM  
EOC Building  
Butch Nitz, AF4FS  
(770) 968-8780

**First Wednesday**

7:00 PM  
ARRL/VEC  
Roberts School  
4681 School Street,  
Acworth  
Jodi Escher AG4BK  
770-387-1591

**Second Tuesday**

7:00PM  
Walton EMC  
3645 Lenora Church Rd,  
Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770) 498-7759

**Second Saturday, Odd Months**

ARRL VEC  
8:30 AM  
Stone Mountain Methodist  
Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Bob Varone, W4ETN  
(770) 978-3179

**Third Saturday**

CA VEC  
9:00AM  
Marietta First United  
Methodist Church Room 305,  
56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta  
David Still, WB4RRD  
(770) 973-2566

**Fourth Tuesday**

ARRL VEC  
7:00 PM  
United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road,  
Douglasville

**Third Sunday**

W5YI VEC  
3:00 - 5:00 PM  
Lawrenceville Masonic Lodge  
465 South Perry Street  
Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
770-963-5721

**Fourth Sunday**

2:30 PM  
Georgia Tech Student Center  
Room 301  
David Ziskind, KE4QLH  
(404) 966-6864

**Metro Atlanta Club Meetings****First Tuesday**

**Kennehoochee ARC**  
Southern Polytechnic  
State University  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

**Second Monday**

**Georgia Tech ARC**  
Room W218  
Van Leer Electrical  
Engineering Bldg.  
Georgia Tech Campus  
Meeting at 7:00 PM

**First Thursday**

**Atlanta Radio Club**  
Georgia Red Cross HQ  
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta  
Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

**N.E. Georgia ARC**

Commerce Public Library  
Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)  
PL 123.0

**Second Thursday**

**Alford Memorial Radio Club**  
*Annistown Road Baptist Church*  
*Intersection of Annistown Rd*  
*& Spain Rd*  
*Stone Mountain*  
Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

**Third Tuesday**

**North Fulton Amateur Radio  
League**  
Alpharetta EOC located at  
2970 Webb Bridge Road, in Alpharetta  
meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

**First Saturday**

**North GA QRP Club**  
Wieuca Baptist Church on  
Peachtree Rd/Wieuca, 10 AM

May 2008 GARS General Meeting

May 13, 2008

The vice-president, Earl Whatley, AF4FG, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

First time visitors were recognized then others present introduced themselves.

There was not a treasurer's report.

The membership chairman reported that there were no new members.

The minutes of the April meeting as reported in the *Garzette* were approved.

Everyone was reminded that Field Day is the weekend of June 28 at Rhodes Jordan Park.

A sign-up sheet is available for operating times as well as for ordering t-shirts.

The t-shirts are \$10 and may be ordered with or without a pocket.

Announcements:

1. Earl Whatley, AF4FG, announced that the club was again assisting with the Dacula Memorial Day parade on May 26.

2. Dave Bruse, W4DTR, provided an update on the Elmer program and sign-up sheets are available.

The program was on antenna building – wire antennas for use at Field Day led by David Adcock, KA4KKF, and 2 and 6 meter J-poles let by Will Perkins, W1ZRV.

The prize drawings were held with the grand prize being a 2-meter J-Pole that would be constructed during the program.

Break

After the break, part of the group began working with David, KA4KKF, on the wire antennas.

Will, W1ZRV, gave a lecture on things not to do in building a J-pole antenna and told many stories about past experiences working with new hams and their problems.

Then Mike Swiderski, K4HBI, gave a show-and-tell on a J-pole that he had build using parts from an old storm door.

The remaining time was used for construction of the J-Pole antennas.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Date	2M Net Control
4/28/2008	Ken KI4BQS
5/5/2008	Susan AF4FO
5/12/2008	John WB4QDX
5/19/2008	JD KI4MEH
5/26/2008	Amy KE4IKF
6/2/2008	Ken KI4BQS
6/9/2008	Ken KI4BQS
6/16/2008	Susan AF4FO
6/23/2008	John WB4QDX
6/30/2008	JD KI4MEH
7/7/2008	Amy KE4IKF
7/14/2008	Ken KI4BQS
7/21/2008	OPEN
7/28/2008	Susan AF4FO
8/4/2008	John WB4QDX
8/11/2008	JD KI4MEH
8/18/2008	OPEN
8/25/2008	Ken KI4BQS
9/1/2008	OPEN
9/8/2008	Susan AF4FO
9/15/2008	John WB4QDX
9/22/2008	JD KI4MEH
9/29/2008	OPEN
10/6/2008	Ken KI4BQS
10/13/2008	OPEN
10/20/2008	Susan AF4FO
10/27/2008	John WB4QDX
11/3/2008	JD KI4MEH
11/10/2008	OPEN
11/17/2008	Ken KI4BQS
11/24/2008	OPEN
12/1/2008	Susan AF4FO
12/8/2008	John WB4QDX
12/15/2008	JD KI4MEH
12/22/2008	OPEN
12/29/2008	Ken KI4BQS

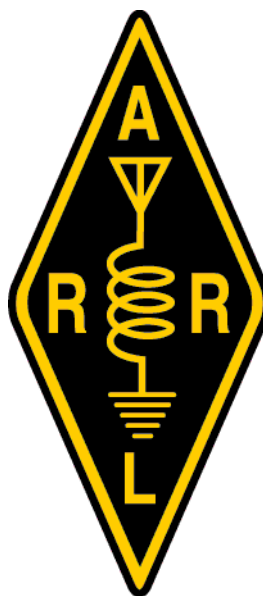
## Programs

**June 10th**, SEDX's Costa Rica DXpedition by Mike ND4V

**July 8th**, Radio Operations at the Mars Desert Research Station by Andrea, KG4IUM

**August 12th**, Amateur Radio Satellite Communications presentation and demonstration by Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC

**September 9th**, Radio Networking, Interoperability and Control with Asterisk by Steve Henke, W9SH



## Field Day 2008

Don't forget to sign up for a spot on the operators list for a station at field day. At this month's meeting, also sign up for a field day tee-shirt.

We will be operating 7A again this year, Come out and enjoy the fun

At field day 2008. Bring the whole family.

73, David—KA4KKF

## DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

There was a good write up in The Gwinnett Daily Post the day before the parade and perhaps that is why so many people were there. Marvin Atherton, KG4FHB and the parade's founder, received phone calls and e-mails as late as Sunday night from people wanting to enter. Even though he told them it was too late many unregistered participants still showed up. The list was shorter this year but all agreed that there were more participants in the Dacula Memorial Day parade than in any previous year.

There were more watchers as well. The route was packed and those who weren't parked early had to walk to the parade route. Still, they had plenty to look at when the parade started. It's a short route but it took more than an hour for all to pass. 115 participants were listed but some had multiple entries. There were only 2 tractors on the list but 41 paraded and the Shriners weren't listed at all but had 20 vehicles show up. The fire engines that lead the parade were back in the staging area before half the participants had left.

For the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row GARS did another fine job getting everyone lined up and going on time, and for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row we were the first to see the parade. Twenty one of our number were there and all did a great job. Its fun work and promises to be more fun next year so make your plans to be there. Many thanks from GARS and from the parade to those who helped this year.

Ken	KI4BQS	Bill	KE4TVA
Larry	KI4NFW	Dave	W4DTR
Paul	W4YCR	Curt	WA4HCE
John	W4JCH	Rob	KI4SBT
Norm	WA4ZXV	Scott	KF4PWI
Bill	WB4WTN	Andrea	KG4IUM
Doug	KB6RRX	Laura	KI4YZM
Eddie	WD4JEM	Joel	W4JOL
Steve	WB2OGY	Brian	KF4MWI
Kelly	KI4JSZ	David	KA4KKF
		Earl	AF4FG



Field Day 2007 youth operating 40 meters ssb





Field Day 2008 is June 28th and 29th. Come have fun with us.

Do you know a boy or girl  
14 to 21 years old  
who wants to:

Climb, Hike  
Canoe, Camp  
Talk on an amateur radio  
Have Fun  
Tell them about

## Venture Crew 73

**We meet the second Tuesday  
of each Month at 7:00PM  
prior to the GARS meeting at  
St. Marguerite D'Youville  
Church..**

For more information Visit  
[www.gars.org/crew73](http://www.gars.org/crew73)  
or contact Ray Back:

Email [crew73@gars.org](mailto:crew73@gars.org)  
Phone (770) 295-9174

## GARS Communication System

### 70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz  
82.5 PL Tone

### APRS

144.390 -- 1200 Baud  
W4GR

### 6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz)  
82.5 PL Tone

### D-Star

### 2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz  
82.5 PL Tone

### Main Repeater Site

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

### Backup Repeater Site

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### Remote Receive Sites

*Bogan Road*, Buford

Goshen Springs Road,  
Norcross

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

## Net Needs Net Control Operators!

If you would like to be net control and learn how to operate the net, contact Joel, W4JOL. We are looking for 2m and 6 m net control operators to fill in the empty spaces in the rotation.

[jobarret@cisco.com](mailto:jobarret@cisco.com)

### STATION LOCATOR SERVICE NEW FOR FIELD DAY 2008

This year, for the first time, the ARRL has put together a Station Locator to help amateurs or those interested in Amateur Radio find a Field Day site near them. According to ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, many amateurs have been asking for something like this for many years.

If your group would like to be a part of the Station Locator Service, it's easy to get started. Just go to the Field Day Station Locator Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php>> and follow the instructions.

To help you out, Henderson has prepared a FAQ for the Field Day Station Locator.



## GARS

### APPAREL ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

CALL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME TO BE EMBROIDERED: \_\_\_\_\_

CALL SIGN TO BE EMBROIDERED: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
<b>T-SHIRT</b>				
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White WITHOUT name & call			\$20.00	
Red WITH name & call			\$20.00	
White WITH name & call			\$20.00	
<b>GOLF SHIRT -- WITHOUT name &amp; call</b>				
Red			\$24.00	
White			\$24.00	
<b>GOLF SHIRT -- WITH name &amp; call</b>				
Red			\$28.00	
White			\$28.00	
<b>SWEATSHIRT</b>				
Red WITHOUT name & call			\$30.00	
White WITHOUT name & call			\$30.00	
Red WITH name & call			\$30.00	
White WITH name & call			\$30.00	
<b>LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET -- RED ONLY</b>				
WITHOUT name & call			\$31.00	
WITH name & call			\$35.00	
<b>HEAVYWEIGHT JACKET -- RED ONLY</b>				
WITHOUT name & call			\$41.00	
WITH name & call			\$45.00	
<b>GARS BADGE -- WITH name &amp; call</b>			\$9.00	
<b>HAT -- WITHOUT name &amp; call</b>				
Red			\$9.00	
White			\$9.00	
<b>HAT -- WITH name &amp; call</b>				
Red			\$14.00	
White			\$14.00	

**TOTAL ORDER PRICE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach your check made payable to GARS and return to Dick Sandberg, N9SXJ or mail to:*

**GARS**  
**P.O. Box 88**  
**Lilburn, Georgia 30048**

**NOTE:** Please allow at least 4 weeks for delivery of items. Some items may need to be special ordered.

Thanks and 73s! -- Dick N9SXJ

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**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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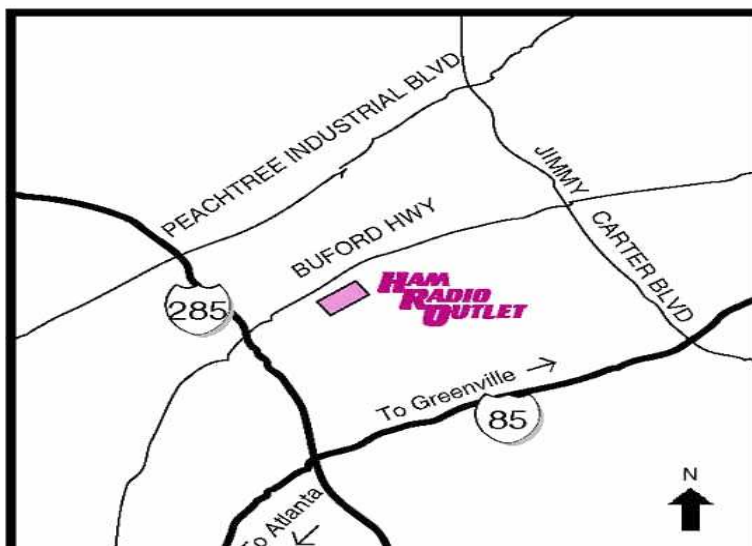
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### Saturday Morning

#### Breakfast

Join us at the Golden Coral  
on Riverside Drive in

Lawrenceville at 7:30 a.m.

#### Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 10th

The Meetings are on the  
Second Tuesday of the  
month 7:30pm at the  
St Marguerite  
D'Youville Church,

85 Gloster Rd NW,

Lawrenceville, GA 30044.  
Just off Highway 29 SW  
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Directions on the Web  
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